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ABSTRACT

This report presents data from Making the Grade's 1995-96 survey of state initiatives to support school-based health centers. The survey's main findings reveal that there were 900 such centers providing care to children during the 1995-96 school year, representing a 50 percent increase over previous year. The importance of state funding for these centers is reported, and the primary sources of state-directed support are discussed. The report indicates the spread of centers into the southern and western regions of the United States and the number of centers per state. The report also presents the number of centers located in each level of school, including K-12, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and other schools. The report includes graphs and charts containing survey results, and a Fact and State summary sheet. (JPB)

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STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS TO ESTABLISH SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

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Making the Grade
National Survey of State SBHC Initiatives
School Year 1995-96
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Data from Making the Grade's most recent survey of state initiatives to support school-based health centers (SBHCs) reveal that 900 centers provided care to children during the 1995-96 school year. This represents a fifty percent increase over the previous Making the Grade survey conducted two years earlier.

State Support Remains Key

State governments continue to provide substantial funding for the centers. During 1995-96, 34 states allocated $41.9 million in state and federal block grant funds to school-based health centers, an eight percent increase over 1994. Fifty-four percent of all school-based health centers received some state-directed funding. This means that for every two SBHCs, one is receiving some degree of state support.

The portion of the center budgets supported by state-directed dollars varies greatly. Twelve states supported at least 75 percent of their centers and of those, four states supplied over 90 percent of the total funds needed to run those centers. Five states reported that fewer than half of their centers receive any state-directed funds, and ten states provided no state-directed funding at all.

The primary sources of state-directed support are Title V of the Social Security Act (Maternal Child Health Block Grants) and state categorical funds. Other sources of federal support include the Social Security Block Grant, the Preventive Health Block Grant, and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act. Most states have not tracked financial support available through Medicaid reimbursement but patient care revenues from a variety of payers, including Medicaid, appear to be an increasing source of funding.

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Five states account for nearly three-fourths of the $13 million in Title V moneys: Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, New York, and Texas. Six states account for over 80% of the $27.7 million in state revenues,: Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, and New York.

Centers Spread South and West

Two years ago more than half of all SBHCs were located in the Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states. Recent growth in Florida, Texas and Arizona has reduced that proportion to 42 percent. The growth outside the Northeast indicates the national appeal of this model. In school year 1995-96, school-based health centers were distributed as follows: Mid-Atlantic states and New England -- 380; Southeast and South-central states -- 171; Midwest -- 109; Southwestern and Rocky Mountain states -- 164, and Pacific coast states/Hawaii -- 76.

As the map indicates, school-based health centers are found in 43 states plus the District of Columbia. The ten states reporting the largest number of centers include New York, Florida, Texas, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, California, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Arizona.

As states with significant efforts to improve rural health become involved in school-based health care, the number of rural schools offering primary care services has expanded. School-based health center programs in West Virginia, North Carolina and Louisiana have contributed particularly to the increased presence of SBHCs in rural areas.

School-based health centers continue to be located in all types of schools. While high schools continue to be the primary site of SBHCs at 41 percent of all centers, elementary schools now house 32 percent of the centers and middle schools, 17 percent of the centers. Four percent of the centers are located in comprehensive K - 12 schools, and six percent were located in other types of schools, including alternative schools, K - middle school, and Head Start programs. Compared to two years ago, a larger proportion of the centers are serving elementary and middle school students -- increasing the importance of health promotion and preventive services.

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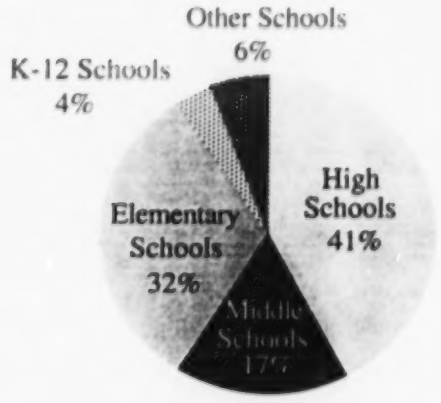
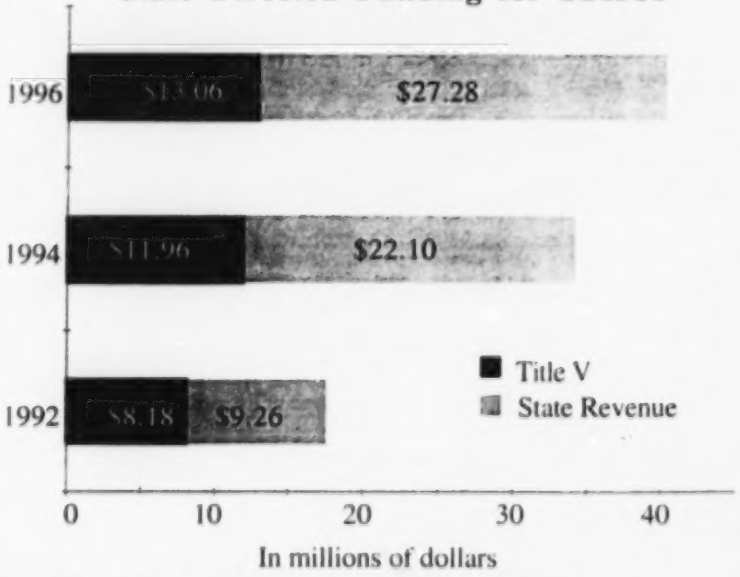
Map represents number of centers during 1995/96 school year.
Graph represents number of centers over time.

Types of Schools Housing SBHCs



State Directed Funding for SBHCs



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	School-based Health Centers						State-Directed Funding		
	High	Middle	Elem	K-12	Other	Total	MCH BLOCK	GENERAL REV	TOTAL
AL	2	3	0	0	0	5	$0	$0	$0
AK	1	0	0	0	0	1	$0	$0	$0
AZ	6	4	20	0	3	33	$24,000	$3,500,000	$3,524,000
AR	5	0	0	4	0	9	$60,000	$922,755	$982,755
CA	20	1	13	0	3	37	✓	✓	$0
CO	9	6	7	2	4	28	$135,000	$0	$135,000
CT	18	13	19	0	1	51	$275,596	$3,662,129	$3,937,725
DE	17	0	0	0	0	17	$130,000	$2,740,000	$2,870,000
DC	1	0	0	0	0	1	$0	$0	$0
FL	27	10	21	1	7	66	$98,000	$1,385,000	$1,483,000
GA	8	1	2	0	1	12	$966,800	$240,500	$1,207,300
HI	0	0	0	0	2	2	$120,000	$0	$120,000
IL	9	3	5	2	0	19	$1,017,900	$0	$1,017,900
IN	8	2	5	0	0	15	$446,890	$0	$446,890
IA	2	0	0	0	0	2	$160,000	$0	$160,000
KS	2	1	0	0	0	3	$115,514	$162,942	$278,456
KY	2	3	3	0	0	8	$200,000	$0	$200,000
LA	8	5	1	2	0	16	$1,432,279	$0	$1,432,279
ME	8	0	0	0	0	8	$75,000	$50,000	$125,000
MD	11	7	17	0	3	38	$320,948	$512,750	$833,698
MA	27	3	5	0	1	36	$0	$2,331,500	$2,331,500
MI	12	10	12	0	0	34	$0	$2,892,300	$2,892,300
MN	11	2	1	1	3	18	$436,000	$0	$436,000
MS	5	5	2	0	2	14	$0	$0	$0
MO	3	0	2	0	0	5	$0	$0	$0
NH	0	0	1	0	0	1	$0	$0	$0
NJ	6	1	1	0	0	8	$0	$500,000	$500,000
NM	19	4	5	1	3	32	$115,000	$64,000	$179,000
NY	39	24	73	10	3	149	$3,500,000	$6,500,000	$10,000,000
NC	22	7	1	0	0	30	$114,000	$910,000	$1,024,000
OH	3	0	5	0	0	8	$105,000	$0	$105,000
OK	0	3	4	0	0	7	$60,000	$40,000	$100,000
OR	23	3	3	0	0	29	$10,000	$664,000	$674,000
PA	7	11	19	0	2	39	$381,000	$50,000	$431,000
RI	1	1	0	0	1	3	$60,000	$29,000	$89,000
SC	3	0	0	0	0	3	$0	$0	$0
TN	4	1	4	1	0	10	$0	$0	$0
TX	11	8	32	4	5	60	$2,700,000	$0	$2,700,000
UT	0	0	2	0	0	2	$10,000	$0	$10,000
VT	0	0	0	2	0	2	$11,000	$0	$11,000
VA	3	3	0	1	1	8	$0	$0	$0
WA	8	0	0	0	0	8	$0	$0	$0
WV	8	3	0	1	6	18	$0	$352,000	$352,000
WI	2	1	1	0	1	5	✓	✓	$0
TOT	381	149	286	32	52	900	$13,079,927	$27,508,876	$40,588,803

States not reporting school-based health centers include: ID, MT, NE, NV, ND, SD and WY

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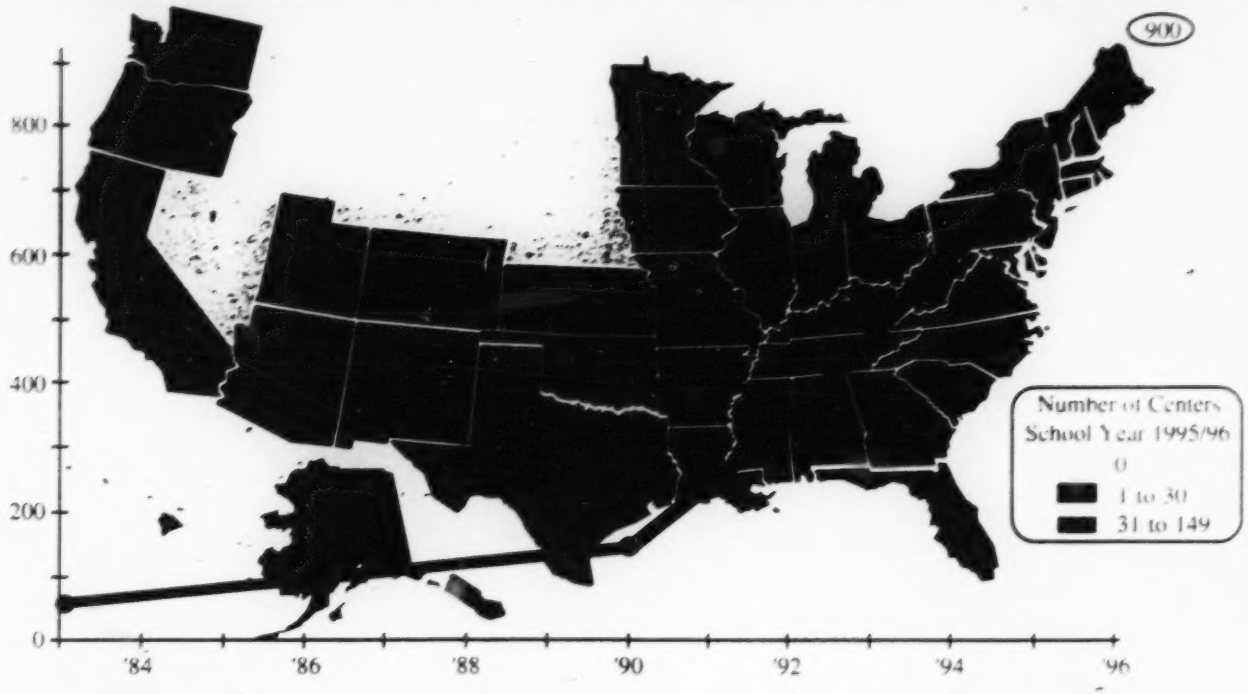


SBHC Services

Percentage of centers providing services[1]

	%
Injury Treatment	96
Physicals	90
Family Planning Counseling	86
Medication Dispensed	83
Primary Care	83
Prescriptions	83
Immunizations	83
Pregnancy Testing	81
Sports Physicals	80
Laboratory Tests	79
Chronic Illness/Management	77

SBHC Staffing

Average full-time equivalents (FTEs)[2]

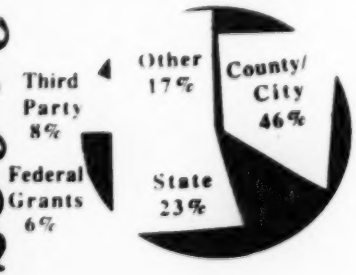
	FTE
Physician	0.1
Nurse Practit/Phys Asst	0.6
Substance Abuse	0.2
Mental Health	0.8
Health Educator	0.1
Clerk/Recept	0.5
Health Aide/Tech	0.5
Registered Nurse	0.5
Case Manager	0.1

Patient Visits by Primary Diagnosis

at six Colorado SBHCs[3]

Mental Hlth/Sub Abuse	37%
Health Supervision	27%
Respiratory	8%
Inj/Poison	6%
Symptoms	5%
Preg/Contracept	4%
Eye/Ear	3%
Skin	2%
Infections	2%
Other	6%

Financing SBHCs[4]



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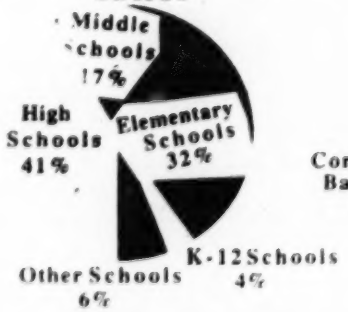

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